



5/15/03

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

SB 397 (Allen)

The bill simply provides that there will be no statewide presidential primary (i.e., Republican presidential primary) in 2004.

- SB 397 was given Immediate Effect [no RC].

FINAL PASSAGE

SB 22 (Johnson)

Senate Bill 22 would establish a Medicaid Buy-In program for working disabled adults who otherwise would not qualify for Medicaid coverage because of their income and/or assets exceed the program's financial eligibility limits.

5/14:

- Committee 1 (S-2) was adopted [no RC].
- SB 22 was moved to 3rd Reading.

5/15:

- SB 22 passed [RC 120: 37 yes, 0 no].

SB 246 (Gilbert)

The bill would exempt DaimlerChrysler Financial from dealer licensing requirements in the same manner that other financial service providers are exempted.

Support: Michigan Department of State, DaimlerChrysler Financial.

5/14:

- Committee 1 (S-1) was adopted [no RC].
- SB 246 was moved to 3rd Reading.

5/15:

- SB 246 passed [RC 121: 37 yes, 0 no].

THIRD READING

SB 461 (Cropsey)

The bill would increase from \$43,000 to \$45,724 the additional annual salary that a part-time probate judge may receive from the county, beyond his or her \$20,000 salary; and allow a part-time probate judge to receive another additional salary, for total compensation of up to 85% of the salary of a Justice of the Supreme Court.

Currently, the first probate court district consists of Baraga, Houghton, and Keweenaw counties. This bill would also allow the counties to decide if the structure should stay the same or change to Houghton and Baraga or Houghton and Keweenaw counties.

- SB 461 was moved to 3rd Reading. No amendments.

HB 4115 (ADAMINI)

House Bill 4115 would designate a section of M-28 between Ishpeming and Wakefield in the Upper Peninsula as the “Veterans Memorial Highway”.

- HB 4115 was moved to 3rd Reading. No amendments.

HB 4432 (Julian)

The bill would amend the Insurance Code to permit a commercial fire insurance policy to exclude coverage for loss by fire damage caused directly or indirectly by terrorism.

Support: Insurance Institute of Michigan, Farmers Insurance, American Alliance of Insurers, Michigan Insurance Coalition.

Opposed: The definition of “terrorism” is overly broad and refers to losses caused directly and indirectly and could be abused by insurance companies to deny claims. The bill would allow insurers to exclude terrorism coverage, thus forcing businesses to buy additional coverage if they wish to protect themselves against losses due to terrorism. The bill could result in increased costs to businesses which choose to purchase the additional coverage.

- HB 4432 was moved to 3rd Reading. No amendments.